

MEDIA ADVISORY: December 16, 2005

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Federal, State and Local Officials to Hold Joint Press Conference Calling for Offshore Revenue Sharing for Louisiana

Governor's New Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
To Reveal Plans for Coastal Protection

WHAT:

A joint press conference calling for unity in seeking a 50 percent share of offshore revenues to provide a continuous revenue stream for coastal protection, which combines the interests of coastal restoration and hurricane protection for Louisiana. A petition drive to the White House and U.S. Congress will be launched along with other major announcements by the Governor's newly formed Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

WHO:

The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) chaired by Sidney Coffee, Executive Assistant to the Governor for Coastal Activities

The Louisiana Department of Natural Resources Scott A. Angelle, Secretary

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development Johnny B. Bradberry, Secretary

Honorable Charlie Melancon, U.S. Representative, State of Louisiana

R. King Milling, President, America's WETLAND Foundation

Dr. Robert Twilley, Director, Wetland Biogeochemistry Institute, Louisiana State University

Parishes Against Coastal Erosion (PACE)

WHEN: Wednesday, December 21, 2005

10:30 am Central

WHERE: The Governor's Press Room

Louisiana State Capitol Building, 4th Floor

Baton Rouge, LA

WHY: To identify the immediate goals of the Coastal Protection and Restoration

Authority (CPRA); provide unified support for offshore revenue sharing for Louisiana; and announce an international summit on coastal restoration that will bring together top scientists in coastal science from throughout

the world to inform and advise the state on coastal protection.